# Calmage Sermon

Frank De Witt Talmage, D. D.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 18.-The influence on character of the occupation . of the evening hours is the topic of "Oh," you say, "just as I was finishthis sermon, which is especially timely ing up my work at the store an old at the beginning of winter. The college friend called me up and said: preacher pleads for a wise and careriod of the day. The text is Psalm at the hotel. Then we will go out to civ, 23, "Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the even-

street car or enter a store or finish a what did you do the night before?" journey upon a railroad train without "Well," you say, "I had a business enbeing impressed with the universal gagement that night. I wanted one of fact that this is a busy world. Most my customers to buy some goods. So people are in a treadmill of ceaseless I thought the best way to sell them activity. Of course there are individ- was to ask him down to the club. I ual exceptions to this rule, but the introduced him to some of my friends yast majority of the human race are there and gave him a fine dinner. I working just as hard and as long got him feeling good, then I clinched determined to set his workman an night, but a fearful rainstorm came example of the right kind of industry.

up, and my wife emphatically put her foot down and forbade my going. But ployee's hands and went to work with I did not see the children much that intense zeal. The water simply flew night. I was too sick and felt too out of that tank. Instead of filling the pail two or three times a minute, he miserable. Immediately after supper my wife put me to bed and gave me emptied six or eight bucketfuls of a lot of hot drinks, and I got up a water a minute. "There," he said to good sweat, and so I was able to be his workman. "Why do you not work back at the store next morning." like that?" "Please, your honor," an- What, out of all last week have you swered the workman, "would you be only spent one night at home, and that kind enough to go on working that was because you were too sick to go way for another twenty minutes? I out? You ought to be ashamed of never doubted that six palls could be yourself. With such a wife and such emptled in a minute, but what I want children can it be that you never reto know is how long you could keep serve any evenings which you can on working at that rate if you had to spend in their company? work all day long." It is easy enough for a good race horse to run a mile under three minutes, but how many miles could he cover at that rate? something different from a mere board-Yes, I am right when I assert that the vast majority of people are working evangelist, some years ago was sudup to the full limit of their physical and mental capacity. If they were compelled to do much more, they would soon have a physical collapse, as an overdriven horse might be easily killed if forced to go far at racing All Still at Night.

This worldwide work starts at early dawn and continues right on to sunset. Hour after hour the watchman paces his lonely beat during the long, dark hours of the night. No one seems to his care." That was what the one senbe anywhere around. The great city seems to be dead. One o'clock passes. Two o'clock comes. All is still. Then 3 o'clock and 4 o'clock. Then the milk wagons begin to rumble. The electric cars begin to roll. By and by the myriads upon myriads of people breakfast. Then the day workmen begin to climb their scaffoldings, and the mechanics to sit at their benches, and factory wheels begin to turn, and the stores are crowded with customers, and the law courts are filled with busy law- from early morning until yers, and the various human beehives hum and buzz with life. But as the day speeds on the tired laborers begin to look at their watches. Three o'clock in the afternoon comes. Then 4, 5, 6. Then the factory whistle blows. The great business centers of the town are emptied. The shutters are put up. The securities are locked away in the vaults. The showcases are covered with protecting cloths. Man may work eight, ten or even twelve hours, but the evenings for the most part are his own. Now, I want to consider with you

what we shall do with our evenings. I am not here to talk about what we shall do as clerks down at the store, when the eyes of our employers are on us. But what shall we do with our winter evenings, when we are practically our own masters and can do with our time as we will?

The evening, in the first place, should be the home hour. It is the time when a man should get acquainted with his family. It is the time when he should become a child again. Then, instead of being like Paul and putting away "childish things," he should drop the tares of the store and play bean bag with his children and shoot marbles with his boys across the figures of the ment they are apt to get into misearpet and tell stories to his little chief. ones, as Eugene Field used to make rhymes for his babies. It is the time when you should try to beat your biggest boy at a game of checkers and when you should read your eldest daughter's latest composition and find out how she likes her new teacher. Then, after the babies are put to bed and the good night prayers have been said and the kisses given, it is the time when you should draw your chair up to the sitting room fire alongside of your wife's chair. While she is darning the stockings is the time when you should open to her your whole heart Luther was right. You must set yourand tell her everything about your self some allotted task during the winhopes and your plans. Before you mar- ter evenings, else you will get into misried her you did not think any winter chief. You will be like the millstones waded through the snow to visit her have your evenings occupied with usein her father's home. Surely you can ful duties, else you will drift into sinafford to spend a few evening hours ful pleasures. There is no exception to with her alone, as you used to do be- the rule.

fore she became the mother of your bables. But, alas, alas, how many men there are who look upon an evening spent at home in the family circle as a wasted night! How many there are I can hardly move. What my brain Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Brown who when you talk about their days of courting shrug their shoulders and say:

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Outgrown the Lover's Age.

My brother, have you a right to outgrow your lover's age? Have you a right to steal from the home those sacred hours which you ought to consecrate to the companionship of your wife and children? Shall we do as many men are doing who never have have a cake?" "No, Charlie," says his their children think of their fathers except as money making machines? Shall we let our wives work and slave for us and yet have that aching heart void which only a true husband's love and companionship can fill? It is said

that when Seargent S. Prentiss was

about to die during the long weeks of

With his great yearning eyes he I do not wish to eat anything." About you could not become a teacher of watched her every step. I wonder what were his thoughts. Happy the man in such situation who, looking at the partner of his life, feels no twinge of an accusing conscience, has no recollection of heavy worked as well as the partner of his life, feels no twinge of heavy worked as well as the partner of his life, feels no twinge of heavy worked as well as the partner of his life, feels no twinge of heavy worked as well as the partner of his life, feels no twinge of heavy worked as well as the partner of his life, feels no twinge of heavy worked as well as the partner of his life, feels no twinge of heavy worked as well as the partner of his life, feels no twinge of heavy worked as well as the partner of his life, feels no twinge of heavy worked as well as the partner of his life, feels no twinge of heavy worked as the partner of his lif from our children and from our dear wives who have done so much for us? Indeed, my brother, do you not regret even now the evenings you have spent away from home?

Tell Them to Come Home.

Your children when they grow up

should be able to look upon you as

er. When Major D. W. Whipple, the

denly called upon to preach to a great

audience which had assembled in Pitts-

burg, he turned to his wife just before

he left the hotel and said, "My dear, what shall I preach upon?" Major

Whipple's little daughter spoke up and

said, "Papa, tell them to come home."

By that she meant, "Tell them to come

tence symbolized. Tonight in the eyes

of your children stand as the represent

ative of a loving heavenly Father.

Have you by your actions taught your

children to feel that there is no place

in all the wide world where you would

sooner be than by their side? Have

you taught them that they can come to

you in every trouble and that you will

be to them a loving, tender, protecting.

gentle, forgiving friend? As a father

with your evenings? Have you given

them to the club, and to the lodge, and

to business, and to outside pleasures

The evenings also should be held

lay out a systematic course of reading

There never was a truer proverb

written than that which says, "The

devil has to seek the busy man, but the

Luther well illustrated this fact when

heavy tribulations I rush out among

Too Tired to Rend.

"But," you say, "what is the good of

it, as some people spoil their children.

The little boy comes to his mother and says, "Mamma, I am hungry. Can I

a glass of milk and some bread." Char-

lie lies down on the ground and begins

to scream. Then the mother says, "All

right, Charlle, go and get the cake.

only stop that kicking and crying." A

couple of hours later, at dinner, Charlie

absolutely refuses to eat anything but

associations with your family?

to eat food which is healthy for him. Thus some of us treat our minds like "Where were you last night?" I ask. spoiled children. We say: "I am resting my mind. I will go to a cheap theater or to a dance hall." No, you are not resting it. You are feeding it with Jones, what are you going to do tocakes and candy. Rest of mind sim night? Come and take dinner with me ply comes from change of work. What you need to do is to give your winter for a long time, I went." "Well, what did you do the night before?" "Oh," I never take a walk or ride upon a night each week at the lodge." "Well, development?

But I take a step farther and declare

True Development.

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Christ. The old man was saying to Describ Polyment. that a large per cent of your evenings should be consecrated to direct service working just as hard and as long got him reening good, then I chacked hours as it is possible for them to do. We may think that some men are not working up to the full limit of their night's work for me, was it?" Thus mental and physical capacity, but if we once put ourselves in these men's places invariably we will find out that places invariably we will find out that might and the other night. "But," I ask, "did you not spend any night at we could not work harder than they if we tried to do their kind of labor. "What a lazy fellow!" once said a gentleman who was impatiently watching a workman emptying a tank of water into the drain by means of a hydror awar into the drain by means in the thou have me to do?" not that then have me to do?" not that then have me to do?" not that then have me to do?" not that thou have me to do?" not that then have will thou have me to do?" not that then have the do with the horse, Taylor to spend his last night on for my own self or for my own self or for my own fam.

Taylor to spend his last night on that the a beautiful way for us to spend a part or life way for us to spend a part or life way for us to spend a part or life way for us to spend a of water into the drain by means of a bucket. "Why, I could fill that bucket twice to his once." At last he belong to our that bucket twice to his once." At last he wretched. I intended to go out that belong to our employer. "Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening." But we can give to God's service part of our evenings be spent aright. Then, because our evenings be spent aright. Then, Evans, Elza ux, of Geo. And we must give to him these hours if we are to do the work he wants us

"But," you say, "I cannot understand you. Is not this inconsistent with your advice to stay home with our families! Now, how can I visit hospitals and go to sickrooms and look after the poor unless I turn my back upon my family! Can a man be in two places at the same time? Can a farmer help a neight of the Koran is compulsory, and arithbor build his barn and plow his own fields on the same day? How can one ence are taught. Teaching has now belook after his own children and yet associate with those who need help and ly?" I am glad you mentioned that You are just the person with whom I want to talk. You say you are a famiby man. You say you would be willing to give up certain evenings of your life to serve Christ if thereby you would not have to neglect your home duties Go forth and invite to your own home the young men and the young women who are living in boarding houses. Ask tian home. You cannot serve God bet to a heavenly Father, who has never ceased to love his children, who will never leave them unprovided for and what she did in a city of the east. who will never let them wander beyond

This lady was not wealthy. She had cutta Country and People, but little money and a family of grow ing children. She had to do her own housework. Man may go forth into work and to his labor until the even ing, but this woman had to work in the evenings as well. So she said to herself: "I can do little, but that little I tune to be defended by a young and will do for my Master. My home shall inexperienced attorney, although it is always be my Saviour's home, and ev- doubtful whether any one could have ery one I can welcome here in his

name I gladly will." She went to youd all doubt. and as a breadwinner you must work work for Christ. She gathered up a large Sunday school class of boys who, hour. But what have you been doing for the most part, were homeless. By that I mean those boys who were away from their fathers and mothers and living in boarding houses. There were eighteen or twenty of them. These she thought, sah, dat between mah character and not devoted any of them to holy used to invite to her home. Every ter and dat speech of mah lawyer da week she would have some of them to you'd hang me shore!"-Success Magasacred for mental improvement. They dinner. Her parlors were their parshould be the time when we should lors. Her books were their books When they were sick she took them and study. They should be the time into her own home and cared for them. when we find out what is happening in Would you like to know the result of the great wide world and what prog that humble Christian woman's life? ress the world has been making in the When I was called to my Chicago last fifty or hundred years. It is just church I found every one of the memas easy to discuss the characters of bers of that Christian lady's Sunday great men and learn about the policies school class harnessed up in Christian of governments as it is to gossip about work. Although these young men had your neighbors' affairs. It is far more been boarding house boys when they beneficial to the mind and restful to first came to Chicago, they were then the fagged out mental and physical engrown up men, all of them members of ergies to try to study the origin of the church of Jesus Christ and work China's superstitions than it is to eners in his vineyard. Cannot you do the ter into the quarrels of some husband same for Christ? Can you not make and wife who are living on the oppoyour Christian home the place of spir-itual refuge for those who have no site corner to your own home. By Christian homes and who can be wo personal observation I know that for Jesus by gathering them around when a man and a woman do not rigidyour fireside during the winter even ly keep their evenings employed for their own mental and spiritual develop-

But I cannot close this talk on even ing occupations without placing a spe cial emphasis upon the fact that a least a part of each evening should be consecrated to God for studying indolent man hunts the devil." Martin his holy word and for prayer. It should be the time when we should he said: "When I am assailed with go off alone to read the Bible or to open the dear book in the midst of ou loved ones and find in it the message my pigs rather than remain alone by myself. The human heart is like a which God has written for us and the millstone in a mill-when you put divine commandments which teach us wheat under it, it turns and bruises the how to live and how to die. The mawheat to flour. If you put no wheat in jority of people never study the Bible it, it still grinds on, but then it is intelligently. They rarely read it itself it grinds and wears away." alone. It is to them a sealed book except as it is interpreted for them by the pulpit. It is just as much a sealed book as during the dark ages, when no layman was allowed to touch it any night too cold or too damp when you grinding themselves away. You must more than profane hands could touch the holy of holies during Mosaic

Reading the Bible. You rarely read the Bible. Yet yo are an intelligent woman. You are one of the leaders of the woman's your talking to me about giving my club. You take a very active part in evenings up to work? When I come that organization. Only a short time home from the store I am so dead tired ago you read before it an essay or work, but rest-complete rest." Oh, no, the other excuse. You did not tell the my friend, you are wrong. The mind real reason. The real reason why yo and body are never properly rested did not become a teacher of that class and recreated by doing something fool- of young girls was because you did ish and mentally enervating. You are not know your Bible, and you were

depleting your mind and emasculating ashamed to expose your ignorance. Your ignorance of the Bible is so appalling that I do not believe you know whether the book of Corinthians is in the Old Testament or the New. I do you heating and plumbing trade. mother, "but if you wish you can have not believe you could tell me, to save your life, why Jesus was born in Beth lehem or why Moses was not allowed to enter the promised land. Now, you would laugh at a woman who was so ig- Jobbing Work Promptly Attended to norant as to suppose that Goethe wrote "Hamlet" or that Alfred Tennyson suffering which preceded his death he would never let his wife out of his some ple. He says, "I am not hungry, you are so ignorant of God's word that Phone 231. was the author of "Thanatopsis." Yet

of an accusing conscience, has no recol-lection of hours wasted away from her and from his home. I wonder if when we come to die some of us will spend most of our time regretting the spend most of our time regretting the evenings which we have spent away giving that boy healthy food which put thy anointing hand upon me to fit put thy anointing hand upon me to hit me for the duties of the coming day Conner, Marg't. J., S. G. Conner and for holy communion with the on the approaching Sabbath." In this the approaching Sabbath." In this trustees, Driskill, Drucella J. will develop bone and muscle and sinew she develops for him a perniclous appetite. The boy gets into a the approaching Sabbath." In this condition where he absolutely refuses darkening twilight can you not, with an earnest, prayerful voice, repeat these

beautiful lines of Emma C. Embrey: Morn is the time to act, noon to endure, But, oh, if thou wouldst keep the spirit Palmer, Sylvester pure.

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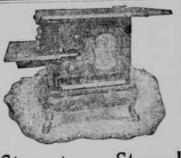
Tarr, David T. Go forth at eventide in heart to with God.

evenings to good reading, to good thoughts and to high ideals. This mesns work, but it will mean work that will recreate and strengthen your the transfer of the sailor-preacher, Father Taylor of Young, Thos. J. Ellis, James N. Brimer, Jno. W. Houston, Levin J. Houston, Levin J. Hussey, Pelegs Es that will recreate and strengthen your energies, depleted by the struggles of the day. Are we willing to pay the price by which our evenings can probe by whic vide us with a true, beneficial mental he found the evangelist standing in Stant, Sam'l. J. his nightgown before a looking glass Swift, Benj. W. Christ. The old man was saying to himself: "You are a sinner. Don't you know you are? You are an old man. The grave is directly in your path. Repent of your sins. Accept Christ now. There is yet time." Was not that a heaviign way for Eather Harmon, Leah's heirs

In Turkey there are 1,500 schools in Marsh, C. W. which girls receive education. There Pruitt, Geo. B. of the Koran is compulsory, and arithmetic, geography and elementary scicome a respectable profession, and young ladies after passing the normal who are not members of his own fami- examinations elect to become tutoresses in distant parts of the empire. Female education is not an innovation among the Mohammedans of the present day. Arab and Moorish women in their palmy days, when their European sisters were steeped in ignorance would deliver sermons and would pro ent deplorable position of the Mohammedan females is due to the general them sometimes to supper. Surround degradation of the nation. An awaken them with the influences of your Chrising is now taking place in some parts of the Mohammedan world, and the ter than by working for him in just day may possibly dawn when the stain this way. I want to tell you the his of ignorance may be wiped off from tory of a noble Christian woman and the Mohammedan ladies of this country with the help of government.-Cal-

> He Got Off Ensy. Clark Howell of Atlanta tells of the and case of an elderly darky in Georgla charged with the theft of some chickens. The negro had the misforsecured his acquittal, the commiss of the crime having been proved be

The darky received a pretty severe cheerfully, addressing the judge when the sentence had been announced "Dat's mighty hard, sah, but it ain't anywhere near what I spected. I



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Given under my hand the day and year first above written.
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